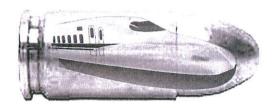
## STOP THE BULLET!!



# BEFORE IT KILLS ACTON!!!

Dear Friends and Roar Supporters,

**THIS IS AN URGENT APPEAL!!!** The Shambala Preserve and the Acton Community desperately needs your help. The California High-Speed Rail Authority has decided to route the Bullet Train with a number options all of which go right through the heart of Acton. This could be a death nell for Acton and the surrounding area. Everything in the approximate vicinity will be greatly impacted including The Shambala Preserve. The Rail Authority has nothing positive to offer the local community...only ruination on many facets. Please help stop this project from killing Acton!

With Love and Protection for the Shambala Wild Ones,

The Captive Wildlife Safety Act, which passed unanimously and was signed into law by President Bush on December 19, 2003, is to stop the interstate traffic of big cats for sale as pets or for financial exploitation. That bill was inspired by a prototype I brought to my U.S. Representative "Buck" McKeon. The bill now before Congress, (H.R. 1998, S.1381) "Big Cats and Public Safety Protection Act", I also brought to Rep. McKeon in 2007. This bill is to stop the breeding of big cats (apex predators) to be sold as pets and/or used for financial exploitation.

I'm urging you to support this bill. Not one more human adult, or child, should be maimed for life or killed by a big cat. Not one more big cat should be abused by being born in captivity under the misunderstanding that they will be a good pet, or be brutalized into doing tricks for our "entertainment".

My qualification to ask for this support is: I have rescued and provided sanctuary for big cats born in the U.S. since 1972. I founded The Roar Foundation in 1983 to become the financial support arm for The Shambala Preserve and to educate the public against owning wild animals. We have rescued and given lifetime care to over 250 exotic big cats over these years. I also have been the sitting President of the American Sanctuary Association, an accrediting organization for wild animal facilities as well as a wildlife placement organization, since 2000.

Description of a big cat: Apex predator, top of the food chain, one of four of the most dangerous animals in the world, whose job in the wild is to take out any animal who is sick, old or lame. This instinct/gene manifests predatory behavior in captivity and threatens humans as well. Example: Roy Horn, who had a stroke on stage, survived the attack by tiger "Montecore" only because the trainers standing off-stage managed to get the cat off him. In Montecore's mind, Roy was physically hurt and had to be "taken out". In the human species, these kinds of dictates are referred to as psychopathic. Our jails are filled

with psychopaths who can, and will, harm or kill any being, with no sense of conscience or remorse. These conscience and remorse instinct/genes are absent in the big cat predator as well.

In my studies of the big cat since 1972, and while living at Shambala alongside them since 1976, I have found them to be infinitely fascinating – and life threatening. Their physical beauty is magnificent and it is the combination of that and their relationships, their sense of humor, their affection towards each other, and sometimes toward us that draws many of them to us.

But, their memories of a bad relationship with another animal or human, their possessiveness of objects and always over food, are what can cause you to be caught in a serious situation. They can, and will, kill you if those possessions are threatened. I managed to live through those situations ... the scars are fading, but not the memories. I understand these magnificent beings way too well. They can never be trusted. They don't care about us! They are, in point of fact, serial killers!

Those who we call "pets" live in our homes; we cuddle them, sleep with them, feed them well, play with them, call them family, playmates and friends. We are able to trust them. They are from an entirely different genetic mindset than the predator. Don't think of describing an exotic feline as a "pet". Please, vote to stop apex predators from being bred as a pet for exploitation. Stop the misinformation sent to the U.S. population that any exotic feline can, or will, be a 'great pet'.

I thank you for giving your support, because you in our Government are the only hope we have of stopping this insanity. I pray you will pass this vitally important bill, "Big Cats and Public Safety Protection Act".

Who of you would put your child, your grandchild, your wife, friend or yourself in harms way for a photo op with a "great cat"? Would you place a loaded pistol on your coffee table?

Since 2011, over 104 people have been maimed or killed by

big cats in the United States.

This responsibility lies with you,

Tippi Hedren

President-Roar Foundation The Shambala Preserve www.shambala.org (661) 268-0380



This letter has been reviewed by noted psychiatrist Praveen R. Kambam, M.D., a clinical professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences in the David Geffen School of Medicine UCLA and a board certified subspecialist in forensic psychiatry. He noted what I have stated concerning human/predator as being valid.

Co Author of "Big Cats and Public Safety Protection Act"-H.R.1998/S.1381 which I presented to U.S. Rep. "Buck" McKeon

Has rescued and provided sanctuary to 235 Big Cats since 1983 when it became The Shambala Preserve.

I have been rescuing Big Cats bred and born in the US for over 40 years, to be sold as pets or for financial exploitation. They live in sanctuary at The Shambala Preserve which is also my residence outside of Acton. CA. I sit as President of the Roar Foundation which I founded in 1983, that serves as the 501 (C) (3) Non-Profit California Corp. and the financial support arm for the Preserve. I served as Director of the Shambala Preserve until 2009. In the year 2000, I was elected President of The American Sanctuary Association, which is an accrediting organization for Wild Animal facilities throughout the U.S. as well as a Wild Animal placement organization. I have successfully co-authored "The Captive Wildlife Safety Act" which my U.S. Representative "Buck McKeon" introduced and was passed unanimously in the House of Representatives and Senate. It was signed into federal law on Dec. 19, 2003. It was a beginning step for a bill to stop the breeding of these exotic Big Cats which has become a huge business in the U.S. and which, over decades, has been responsible for hundreds of killings and mainings of children and adults. There currently are 9 States that have no laws banning ownership of the Big Cats making a true census impossible to determine. Authorities estimate that there are tens of thousands of these animals in captivity inside the U.S.

I have currently co-authored a federal bill to stop the breeding of the Exotic Feline for personal possession or financial gain. It is now titled "Big Cats, Public Safety Protection Act, H.R.1998 and was introduced by Representative "Buck" McKeon along with Representative Loretta Sanchez in the House on May 16, 2013. The Senate version of the bill. S.1381, was also introduced under the same title on July 29, 2013 by Senator Richard Blumenthall.

My bill simply stated "Stops the Breeding of the Exotic Feline for Personal Possession or Financial Gain". I will continue to fight for the right of the Great Cats not to be born in captivity, until it becomes law. I would still like to continue my belief in the strength and moral fabric of our legislative system. H.R. 1998 and S. 1381 must be passed for public safety reasons and because it is the right thing to do! You, the voting public, can play a major role in stopping the insanity of breeding Great Cats. These are Apex Predators, top of the food chain, one of four of the most dangerous animals in the world maiming and killing humans. I know from where I speak as members of my family, myself and numerous film crew members of my film production ROAR have been seriously injured by these predators including one who was almost killed by a lion bite to the neck.

Demeaning the life of these magnificent, wild, dangerous animals by confining them to small cages and exploiting them for financial gain must be stopped. This bill is to protect human life as well as the humane treatment of the wild animal.

Your voice is important, please use it!!! You will be a very important part of changing history to save the lives of these Great Cats, from being born in captivity forever!!!!! Not one more human child or adult should be maimed or killed by these apex predators.

These animals, being born in captivity by the thousands, many living in squalor, or beaten to do ridiculous tricks for circuses and shows, are often confiscated by authorities because of animal abuse. This is where facilities like The Shambala Preserve come in to place, providing sanctuary for Exotic Cats to live out their lives in dignity.

Your help is needed right now!!!.... Please support H.R. 1998 and S. 1381, to stop the breeding of these extremely dangerous Big Cats, I love these animals more than my next breath, but they are not pets, nor should they be subjected to being abused for our entertainment or kept in private homes, apartments or hovels.

I strongly urge you to protect human life, and stop the exploitation of Lions and Tigers by convincing our legislators to become involved and co-author "Big Cats and Public Safety Protection Act" - H.R.1998/S.1381.

With love for all beings, animal and human,

Tippi Hedren

President Roar Foundation Shambala Preserve www.shambala.org

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These are three sample letters to be used as a source for letters you can write to your own U.S. Congressional Representatives to support H.R. 1998 and S. 1381-"Big Cats and Public Safety Protection Act".

There are more sample letters posted on the Current Legislation page at www.shambala.org

Dear Congressman XXXXXX,

I am writing to ask you to support H.R.1998 / S.1381, the "Big Cats and Public Safety Protection Act".

H.R.1998 / S.1381 would prohibit the private ownership of big cats for personal possession or financial gain. Current owners would be grandfathered in to keep their exotic cats, but they could not acquire more or breed the ones they have. All exotic cat owners would be required to register their animals. Lions and tigers would still be found at accredited zoos and sanctuaries.

Passing H.R.1998 / S.1381 into law is crucial for two reasons: it preserves the safety of every person living in our country and it saves countless exotic cats from a captive life of neglect, abuse and outright misery.

In the past 21 years in the United States, big cats were directly responsible for the deaths of 5 children and 17 adults. In that same time, hundreds of savage attacks by captive exotic cats have been catalogued with injuries sustained being loss of limbs, brain damage, full body paralysis, broken bones, blindness, deafness, severe lacerations, etc.

Humans suffer when these apex predators act naturally on their instincts. But it is the lions and tigers in cages that suffer every single second of every single day by being deprived of their freedom. On top of that, they are often confined to tiny ramshackle cages with no shelter from the heat and cold, are fed poor diets, receive no veterinary care, and are offered no mental stimulation or emotional enrichment. Also, because these animals are massive, powerful and aggressive, handlers use barbaric methods to control them such as stun guns, cattle prods, whips, pepper spray and even hot sauce.

Please support H.R.1998 / S.1381! You will not only be preventing future tragedies of people being mauled, but you will also be saving exotic cats from a pathetic substandard imprisoned existence.

Thank you!

Dear Rep. XXXX,

I am in 100% support of H.R. 1998 / S.1381, the "Big Cats and Public Safety Protection Act". As your constituent, I am asking you to support this bill.

Below are just some of the many benefits that will result from this legislation:

- · Big cats would no longer be allowed as pets.
- Public contact with big cats would be completely banned.
- Cubs would no longer be exploited for entertainment purposes at birthday parties, photo opportunities at malls, or "pay-to-play" exhibits.
- Big cats would no longer be victims of canned hunting.
- · Lions would no longer be farmed for meat.
- Breeding of big cats would only occur at accredited facilities.
- The USDA can perform more thorough inspections as the number of big cats in captivity decreases.

H.R.1998 / S.1381 would also require current owners, who would be grandfathered in to keep their cats, to register their animals with the USDA. Right now, there is no accurate count on how many big cats are living in the United States, posing a burden to first responders on an emergency scene.

Please be my voice in Congress and support H.R.1998 / S.1381, the "Big Cats and Public Safety Protection Act".

Thank you!

Dear Congressman XXXX,

Please co-sponsor H.R. 1998 / S.1381, the "Big Cats and Public Safety Protection Act"!

The breeding of big cats for profit in the United States is out of control!! Right now, there is no way to get an accurate count of how many big cats are in this country, but it is estimated that there are as many as 10,000 tigers alone living in the state of Texas!

In order to produce as many cubs as possible in as short a time as possible, exhibitors have resorted to despicable methods of breeding. Not only have they completely disregarded pure bloodlines, but they are mixing subspecies of tigers, creating "mutts."

For these exhibitors, big cats are strictly a business to generate money. To draw paying customers, they need a distinct gimmick to make their facilities stand out...the current trend is white tigers and lion-tiger hybrids. These animals are completely unnatural and pay the price for their uniqueness.

Due to the small gene pool of color mutation, white tigers are inbred. Just as in humans, inbred offspring suffer severe deformities such as crossed-eyes and mental retardation. "Ligers" and "tigons," which would never occur in the wild because lions and tigers inhabit different regions of the globe, also are plagued with debilitating health problems. They are prone to gigantism, resulting in short lifespans due to their organs not being able to support their massive bodies. They also very often develop arthritis, neurological defects and cancers.

When these animals become mundane and lose their marketability, what mutant will be manufactured next to draw a crowd? There is actually an exhibitor out there who proclaims that he is trying to breed a sabre-toothed tiger! This insanity needs to be stopped!!

Lions and tigers are living, breathing creatures and should not be treated as commodities to make a dollar. Please throw your support behind H.R.1998 / S.1381 the "Big Cats and Public Safety Protection Act" and stop the reckless breeding of big cats for profit!

Thank you!

Good morning. My name is Shelli Andranigian and our impacted family farming operation is in the Fresno to Bakersfield section. Since I am also addressing many not familiar with the area, we are in the San Joaquin Valley aka the Central Valley in South Fresno County along the Cole Slough of the Kings River.

I would like to know why you are addressing changes to The Land Conservation Act of 1965 also known as the Williamson Act as it pertains to farmland in Fresno County (Agenda Item 8). This topic should not be discussed or decided upon here at the California High Speed Rail Authority Board meeting today in Palmdale which is in Los Angeles County. Why is this important issue not being addressed in the Central Valley where farmers are in the midst of the busy harvest season and not able to be here which is two hundred plus miles away for them to publicly comment/question? Could it be because both Fresno County and the City of Fresno have each recently passed items unfavorable to the California High-Speed Train Project including a resolution to reverse their previously favorable stance of HSR by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors this past July 29th?

Those in California's Central Valley feed and clothe everyone in this room and the rest of the world. Farmers are the true environmentalists and stewards of the land. This action not only disrespects them, but everyone who cares about the environment. The California High Speed Train Project is not the "Green" project the Authority wants everyone to believe.

I urge you to table any action on the Williamson Act (which will negatively impact over 70 properties in Fresno County) and bring it up at a future board meeting in Fresno. No mention of this action was even broached at the Fresno County Board of Supervisors meetings in July 2014 at which both CEO Morales spoke before the board one week and Vice Chair Richards at the next meeting or even at recent meetings. I am sure those here in Los Angeles County would not be pleased if a similar action impacting their properties was discussed in Fresno County at 9 a.m. on a weekday.

Those behind-the-scenes at the California High-Speed Rail Authority have been in a rush to connect a train from San Francisco to Los Angeles, yet they have not yet planned on how to get from just north of Bakersfield to here in Palmdale. The Authority will need a rail line to traverse the mountainous Ridge Route aka Grapevine that bridges Southern California with the Central and Northern areas of our Golden State.

Meanwhile, family farms, private homes, small and larger businesses, churches, schools, historical landmarks and the Fresno Rescue Mission which has been providing a home for the homeless since 1949 remain negatively impacted.

Rogue appraisers, including those from out-of-state have been running rampant in the Central Valley. They have been harassing elderly female homeowners along with those who farm the land in the midst of the busy harvest season. The appraisers must be in a rush to get paid by the Authority before the funds run out!

Those who ask the appraisers for more information so they can note the exact impacts to one's property (by requesting a large and legible map), are not taken seriously and/or asked if said individual needs something for all impacted properties. Why would someone only need a large and legible map for property A and not for property B, C and D? A neighbor's map sent by the appraisers even has the rivers near their farm labeled incorrectly.

I'm not sure if the California High-Speed Rail Authority Board realizes the inept actions of those representing them on the front lines. The largest infrastructure project of its kind remains flawed because of continued missteps like those just mentioned. Who in California would want a train speeding through their communities at over 200 plus miles per hour when no thought continues to be put into the planning process at every level?

It is high time to put the horse before the cart and hit the restart button to make it precise at every step of the way so those who prefer train travel such as myself will get to experience it in their lifetime in California. #NoOneWillBeAbleToRide until then.

Thank you and safe travels.

Shelli Andranigian
On behalf of the Andranigian Family and Andranigian Farming
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Cc: Michael L. Farley, Esq.; California Farm Bureau, Ryan Jacobsen, Fresno County Farm Bureau; Diane Friend, Kings County Farm Bureau; Fresno County Board of Supervisors, Kings County Board of Supervisors, Citizens for California High Speed Rail Accountability (CCHSRA)

Kathleen Trinity 4343 Fairlane St. Acton, CA September 16, 2014

**CAHSRA** 

Good morning, Chairman Richard and Members of the Board,

As we all know, there are times in our lives when we wish we could have done things differently.

You have a choice to consider a route through Actor that will destroy the town, or one that will save it and all that it has to offer.

Supervisor Antonovich has proposed a route that would run partially beneath the

San Gabriel Mountains. However, this route would still impact many homes, ranches, trails, wells,
rescues, and wildlife. Local engineer, Jackie Ayer, wishes to maintain Mr. Antonovich's vision, but to
tweak it slightly to the east where it could be placed entirely underground in order to avoid Acton
assets. This could mean a little more money for the tunneling, but maybe not, since it would be a
shorter, more direct route and the amount of tunneling not significantly more than for the existing
routes. The true cost otherwise would be born by Acton residents and her many visitors. Acton would
suffer severe, permanent damage from an above ground route, be it the newly proposed partially
underground route, the SR 14 Hybrid or the SR 14 E.

When Palmdale insisted on a route and station in that city, no one contacted Acton. I don't know that we were even an afterthought! Here is what a responsible neighbor and the Authority should have considered:

1. Acton is a site that is totally inappropriate for high speed rail. Acton is essentially a bowl within which many large hills and smaller mountains emerge. This creates numerous canyons and valleys, all surrounded by the even larger mountains at the edge of the bowl. No matter how much you mitigate,

the sound of high speed trains several times per hour will echo throughout Acton, especially where the train is elevated and at tunnel entrances and exits.

- 2. Acton is a rural, equestrian community. In Red Rover Mine Canyon alone, there are 112 two to ten acre plus rural/residential parcels with close to 100 horses. In all of Acton, people raise, care for, and ride horses on and off trails. A high speed train in Acton will inflict multiple loud, periodic noise bursts that seriously disturb our horses. Not only is this unhealthy for the horses, but for the riders and caretakers, who could be thrown, kicked or trampled. And, like humans, even for those who appear to acclimate, most studies find increased heart beat, elevated blood pressure and elevated cortisol levels, along with disturbed sleep patterns.
- 3. Acton is home to innumerable wildlife species that we treasure and with which we are happy to share space. Train routes will disrupt corridors and habitat; train sounds will disrupt breeding and foraging among many birds, especially our quail. Mule deer, bobcats, and mountain lions will be yet more restricted in their natural ranges. Hikers and cyclists, not just from Acton, but those thousands who hike and ride in our mountains will see less wildlife and lose the quiet, peaceful experiences that only nature can provide.

For these reasons at least, I urge you to consider the truly less costly, fully underground route.

from Michael Hogan, Sr.

#### 9/16/14 BOARD MEETING HIGH SPEED RAIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Good Morning. My name is Ruthann Levison and I reside in Sand Canyon. I am a Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commissioner for the City of Santa Clarita.

Additionally I am the Communications Director for SCHOA (Sand Canyon Community Association). In that regard I represent 1,000 properties in Sand Canyon (approximately 2500 to 3000 persons).

We also have 3 Churches and two Grade Schools in the immediate vicinity of the proposed route. Children attending the schools and folks attending the Churches are not included in the above number.

If the original routes being studied cut through our area as planned, our property values and our lifestyle will suffer immeasurably. The decline has already started due to "real estate disclosure rules". Folks right now cannot sell their properties at all, let alone at current values before the HSR came on the scene.

WE, WHO LIVE IN THIS AREA ARE SERIOUSLY BECOMING AN 'ENDANGERED SPECIES"!

IT MAKES ALL THE SENSE IN THE WORLD FOR THE HSR TO TAKE THE SHORTEST ROUTE (MOST LIKELY THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE) DIRECTLY FROM BURBANK TO PALMDALE AND BYPASS THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY ENTIRELY.

THIS INCLUDES THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA and also THE RURAL COMMUNITIES OF AGUA DULCE AND ACTON. WE WILL DERIVE NO BENEFIT FROM THE HSR THAT IS NOT MAKING A STOP IN OUR COMMUNITIES (NOT THAT WE WOULD WANT THAT).

OUR SECOND CHOICE IF THIS ALREADY "OLD RAILROAD TECHNOLOGY" IS THRUST UPON US, WOULD BE FOR YOU TO CONTINUE THE MANY MILES OF TUNNELING YOU ARE PLANNING DUE TO THE ROUGH TERRAIN OF OUR SOUTHERN MOUNTAIN RANGES.
IF THE TRAIN IS ABOVE GROUND IN OUR AREA, IT WILL DECIMATE OUR

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to speak our concerns today.

Yours truly, Ruthann Levison

Phone: 661-252-1360; Email: <schoa@socal.rr.com>

COMMUNITIES, CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS.

#### REQUEST OF THE

#### SANTA CLARITA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION COALITION

#### TO CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### **SEPTEMBER 16, 2014**

Members of the Santa Clarita Valley Transportation Coalition urge the California High Speed Rail Authority Board of Directors to include the Palmdale to Burbank direct alignment within the Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the Palmdale to Burbank project section. This direct alignment will be less disruptive to residents of the Santa Clarita Valley, allow for faster travel times on the rail line from San Francisco to Los Angeles, and create less environmental impact. We urge the Board to include the evaluation of the alternative alignment in the EIS/EIR.

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## SUNSET SAFARIS

#### SUNSET SAFARIS

Summertime brings long, warm evenings to the canyon, with special delights to be discovered at Shambala.

Come watch and listen to the changes that come over Shambala as the sun sets. Flocks of birds fly in to settle for the night in the reeds along the lake. As darkness begins to fall, the cats become active - if we're lucky, we will hear the call of the tigers, then a lion will begin to roar. One by one the others join in, until the sound reverberates through your very bones!

We will have a tour of the Wild Ones, and enjoy a tasty light meal and coffee served at sunset. There will be casual entertainment - but the most enjoyable part will be found in the conversations, both animal and human, and the unbelievable beauty of a very unusual place- and you never know what celebrities might be dropping by!

These memorable events are limited to 35 people, guaranteeing an exclusive experience not to be missed! Join us to experience the amazing ambiance of Shambala at Sunset.

#### Please call the Shambala Preserve for reservations: 661,268,0380

per person- Non-Refundable • Limited to 30 guests \$150,00 Resheduling may not be possible. Please keep this in mind when booking. All visitors must be at least 18 years old. Pets are not allowed on the property and may not be left in vehicles.



#### SUNSET SAFARI SCHEDULE

All guests must be at least 18 years old to attend

#### 2014

May 10th 7pm-10pm June 14th 7pm-10pm July 12th 7pm-10pm Aug 9th 6pm — 9pm Sept 13th 6pm — 9pm

# ADOPTION

#### ADOPT A WILD ONE

Our Adopt-A-Wild One program is a unique and special experience. As an adoptive parent you will have the exclusive privilege of visiting your "Wild One" on Parent's Day, currently the first Saturday of the month. You may show off your Wild One by bringing 2 guests to the Preserve per year. You will walk around with the animal crew and the other adoptive parents and watch as your special Wild One gets a femur bone (for the very low cost of \$10 each). You will delight in seeing your animal enjoy this delicious treat! Bring a picnic lunch and after the animals get their bones, you may go to Lake Shambala to eat and enjoy the company of the other adoptive parents.

When you choose to adopt one of our Wild Ones, your contribution helps support the vital work we do in providing a wonderfully safe haven for animals who have previously been abused, abandoned, or forced into acting careers, etc.

The first step in joining the distinctive group of Adoptive Parents is to choose your Wild One. After your third monthly payment you will receive an 8"x10" photo of your Wild One, and a Certificate of Adoption signed by Tippi Hedren. When you visit on Parent's Day a member of the Shambala animal crew will be happy to tell you about the characteristics of the species and the individual personality traits of your special animal. Please consider adopting one of our dear Wild Ones. The cost is so small and the rewards are immeasurable.

#### I WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT

The Name of the animal I've chosen is ☐ Lion ☐ Tiger ☐ Bobcat ☐ Spotted Leopard ☐ Black Leopard ☐ Asian Leopard Cat ☐ Cougar ☐ Serval

#### DONATION SCHEDULE

Lion/Tiger -12 monthly donations of \$75.00 or \$900.00 annually Cougar/Leopard/Serval/Bobcat/Asian Leopard Cat 12 monthly donations of \$50.00 or \$600.00 annually

Enclosed is my: (check one) 1st Monthly donation of \$ or Annual donation of \$

I would like to contribute an extra gift for the Wild Ones \$

I understand that my donation will help to feed, house and care for my "Wild One," and that he/she will continue to reside at The Shambala Preserve. I further understand that my exclusive privileges as an "Adoptive Parent" will remain for as long as I continue my tax-deductible support of the "Wild One" I have chosen to adopt. All visitors must be at least 18 years old. Pets are not allowed on the property and may not be left in vehicles. Adoption Date Please sign below:

Signature				
Name		Birthday		
Address				
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## MEMBERSHIP

I WANT TO "JOIN THE PRIDE" Enclosed is my donation in the amount of \$ for the membership level indicated by animal (right)\_\_\_ New Member □ Renewing Member □ Date Name Address State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_ Email THIS IS A GIFT MEMBERSHIP ☐ PLEASE SEND TO: Address City \_ \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_ Message: My Extra Gift for the Wild Ones: \$10□ \$25□ \$50□ Other \$ Check Enclosed Credit Card

Signature Men's T-Shirt Size: S \( \Q \) M \( \Q \) L \( \Q \) XL \( \Q \) Ladie's T-Shirt Size S \( \Q \) M \( \Q \) L \( \Q \) XL \( \Q \) XXL \( \Q \)

Card#

Exp Date

Sweatshirt (black leopard and above) M \(\sigma\) L \(\sigma\) XL \(\sigma\) XXL \(\sigma\)

☐ Please do not send Gifts, and use my membership donation for the Wild Ones.

#### MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

#### \$25 BOBCAT

Benefits: Membership Card and Pin, 10% Discount in Shambala Boutique, Invitation to Fall Members Celebration & Special Events, Roar Foundation Decal, and ROAR NEWS.

The Following Annual Membership Levels Include Bobcat Benefits:

\$50 JUNGLE CAT (In memory of Kermit)— Membership T-Shirt

\$75 SERVAL - \*1 Safari Pass and Membership T-Shirt

\$125 MOUNTAIN LION - \*2 Safari Passes - Membership T-Shirt

\$150 LEOPARD - \*2 Safari Passes - Membership T-Shirt and Cap

\$300 BLACK LEOPARD - \*4 Safari Passes - Membership T-Shirt,

Sweatshirt and Cap

\$500 SNOW LEOPARD (In memory of Samson and D'Brug) —

\*6 Safari Passes - Membership T-Shirt, Sweatshirt and Cap \$1,000 CHEETAH (In memory of Subira) - \*8 Safari Passes -

Membership T-Shirt, Sweatshirt and Cap

\$1,500 LION - \*10 Safari Passes - Membership T-Shirt, Sweatshirt

\$2,500 TIGER - \*12 Safari Passes - Membership T-Shirt, Sweatshirt and Cap, Autographed Video of the movie "Roar"

\$5,000 LIGER (In memory of Patrick)\* — Membership T-Shirt, Sweatshirt and Cap, Autographed Video of the movie "Roar" and a Private Tour for up to 35 guests

\$10,000 ELEPHANT (In memory of Timbo and Cora) -

Membership T-Shirt, Sweatshirt and Cap, Autographed "Roar" Video, Overnight Safari Getaway Experience for two at Shambala's "MALAIKA MAROUEE"

\*Shambala visits will be scheduled on regular Safari Days and passes are not accepted for Sunset Safaris.

AFTERNOON SAFARIS

### AFTERNOON SAFARI SCHEDULE

All guests must be at least 18 years old to attend **ALL TOURS START AT 12 NOON** CHECK IN OPENS AT 11:30

2013	2014
Sept 14-15	Jan 11-12 May 17-18 Sept 20-21
Oct 12-13	Feb 8-9 June 21-22 Oct 11-12
Nov 9-10	Mar 8-9 July 19-20 Nov 8-9
Dec 14-15	Apr 12-13 Aug 16-17 Dec 13-14

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#### **AFTERNOON SAFARIS**

A three hour planned program begins at noon. Check in opens at 11:30 A.M. You are welcome to bring a picnic lunch. Private safaris on other dates may be arranged for groups of 35 or more persons. Please phone for details. Please reserve places at the Shambala Preserve on

I have enclosed my check made payable to THE ROAR FOUNDATION in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_ (\$50 admission per person). The Roar Foundation cannot accept credit card reservations. I understand that no tickets will be mailed to me. My name and the number in my party will be listed at the Shambala reception desk on the day of my visit. I also understand that there will be no refunds, but I may re-schedule my visit for a different day by notifying The Roar Foundation at least 7 days prior to my originally

scheduled event. I would like to contribute an extra gift for the Wild Ones \$ Name

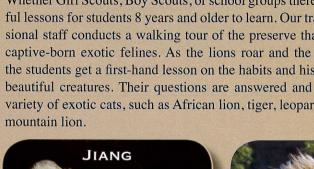
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TO AVOID UNNECESSARY EXPENSE, NO TICKETS WILL BE MAILED OR CONFIRMED BY PHONE. All visitors must be at least 18 years old. Pets are not allowed on the property and may not be left in vehicles.

## EDUCATION

Shambala has a very special educational program for students. They will learn of the need for legislation to ban the Whether Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, or school groups there are wonderful lessons for students 8 years and older to learn. Our trained professional staff conducts a walking tour of the preserve that is home to captive-born exotic felines. As the lions roar and the tigers chuff, the students get a first-hand lesson on the habits and history of these beautiful creatures. Their questions are answered and they meet a variety of exotic cats, such as African lion, tiger, leopard, serval and mountain lion.





illegal ownership of exotic cats. They will also become aware of the "Captive Wildlife Safety Act", passed by President Bush in December, 2003, due in great part to the tireless efforts of Tippi Hedren and The Roar Foundation. This bill prevents the transport of these exotic animals over state lines and emphasizes why it is so important that these beautiful creatures never become a family "pet". They will also learn about the new bill "Big Cats and Public Safety Protection Act" introduced in the House on May 16, 2013.

> For information on scheduling a student tour, please call: 661.268.0380



## MISSION STATEMENT

The Roar Foundation supports The Shambala Preserve and shares its mission:

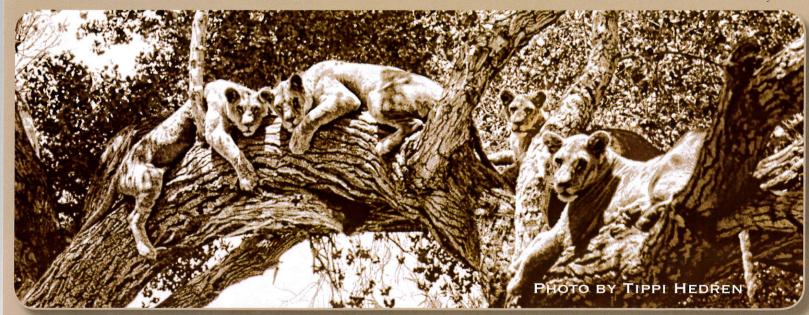
To educate the public about exotic animals and to advocate for legislation to protect them. To provide sanctuary to exotic animals who have suffered from gross mistreatment and neglect so they can regain their physical and mental health and live out their lives in dignity.

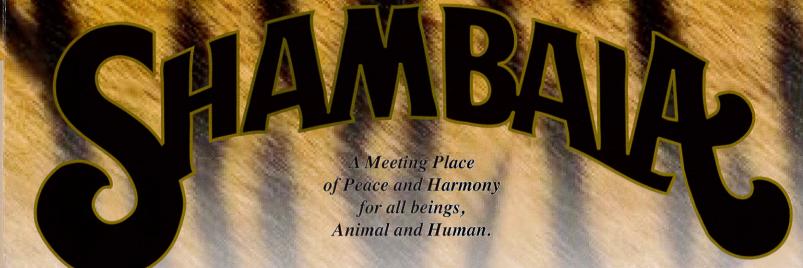


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THE ROAR FOUNDATION, founded in 1983 by Tippi Hedren. Our mission is to educate the public about the dangers of private ownership of exotic animals and maintain The Shambala Preserve. Huge numbers of exotic dangerous animals are bred and sold in the United States for illegal purposes. Private ownership presents a grave danger to the public, and is cruel and unfair to these animals. More stringent legislation is needed to prohibit breeding and selling. We are actively involved on federal levels.

has provided lifelong sanctuary to lion, tiger, cougar, black Parent through our adoption program; donate an item from

and spotted leopard, serval, bobcat, Asian leopard cat, snow leopard, cheetah, lynx, tigon, African elephants and one magnificent liger. They came to the preserve after confiscation by authorities, such as California Fish and Game, U.S. Department of Agriculture, SPCAs, and Humane Societies. They are from roadside zoos and private citizens who realized they purchased an animal they could no longer handle. According to U.S. Fish and





Wildlife, the exotic cat trade is a huge business, on par with illegal drugs. Once an animal is brought to Shambala, it remains here for the remainder of its life. As a true sanctuary, we do not buy, breed, sell, trade or subject the wild ones to commercial use. Our only purpose is to allow these magnificent animals to live out their lives with understanding, love and dignity. Each has the best human, nutritional, medical, emotional and mental care possible.

There are many ways you can support The Roar Foundation: The Shambala Preserve has been home to exotic felines and You can Join our Pride by becoming a member; become a Wild

> our Wish List; attend a Sunset Safari; visit The Shambala Trading Post; volunteer; and for a truly memorable experience spend an entire night in one of our authentic African Tents! Also, one special weekend a month, we open our gates to the public for a small admission (by reservation only).

> ALL GUESTS MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF OUR SCHOOL PROGRAM

## LEADERSHIP



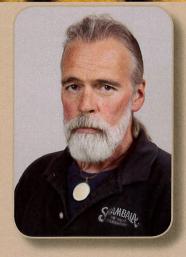
Tippi Hedren President The Roar Foundation

Screen star Tippi Hedren may be and signed by President Bush on most noted for her starring roles in Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds" and "Marnie", but it was the movie as well, "Big Cats and Public "ROAR" that would become the genesis of The Shambala Preserve. When filming was complete, Ms. Hedren transformed the "ROAR" movie set into a safe haven for abused, abandoned or unwanted exotic cats. Most were rescued from sits on The Roar Foundation deplorable situations. Since 1983 Tippi Hedren, in addition to serving as President of The Roar Foundation, has tirelessly campaigned to pass legislation to prevent illicit breeding of exotic cats as pets. The

"Captive Wildlife Safety Act", which Tippi coauthored, was introduced by her Representative Buck McKeon, passed by the House and Senate

December 19, 2003. Ms. Hedren's second bill, which she coauthored Safety Protection Act", was introduced in the House in May and the Senate in July, 2013.

On October 24, 2009, Tippi passed Shambala's Director Gavel to Chris Gallucci who Executive Board as V.P. of Operations. Chris has been on staff at the preserve since 1975 and plays a major role at The Shambala Preserve. Mr. Gallucci says that "This position is filled with enormous responsibility, and I



Chris Gallucci The Shambala Preserve

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September 12 & 9/15 hearing 2014

To:

Mark A. McLoughlin, Director of Environmental Services ATTN: Palmdale to Burbank High Speed Rail Alternative Route Proposal California High-Speed Rail Authority Southern California Regional Office 700 N Alameda, Room 3-532 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. McLoughlin:

Please note the intention and spirit of my letter is to first of all, deter and stop all consideration of the alternative route, spur research, debate and to inform.

First of all, Shame on you Supervisor Antonovitch, you should be recalled. Councilmember Fuentes, you absolutely need to be recalled.

This preliminary proposed alternative route is yet another demonstration of very poor or no planning. It is yet another stellar example of yet more knee-jerk, shotgun style CA politics.

500 square miles? Really?????

The most mind boggling thing about this alternative route is that it is in effect a train to nowhere. No people will have the option of climbing aboard between Palmdale and Burbank. If this alternative is implemented, you will even destroy riders that you might have had by forcing them out through eminent domain. The five miles of turn coming out of the mountains to Burbank could even happen in my neighborhood, thus taking out most if not all of Shadow Hills, Lake View Terrace, most of Sunland-Tujunga, much of Sun Valley, and Stonehurst. The irony is that these neighborhoods comprise potential riders that might welcome a HSR to go to Santa Clarita, Valencia and Palmdale. Well, maybe there are many like me, that although having planned to live out my life and retire in my home here, thanks to the HSR many of us may even welcome a great, and irrefutable reason to finally leave CA.

How is it that the scope of the HSR is now attempting to go outside of existing transit routes. This is insane.

- Existing transit routes offer most if not all the right of ways needed to add a HSR (see trains on 210, 105 etc.)
  - Widening of freeways are routine projects to make room for more traffic (hello!?!)
- Research the bonds funding the HSR; I believe they stated and I voted that the HSR would follow existing transit routes
  - The current usage of the bond funding is under litigation, as deemed illegal
  - There is much current, and even more future litigation against the HSR to resolve;
     litigation costs WILL USE up funding DROP THIS PROJECT ENTIRELY
  - Your website lists over a dozen lawsuits; quit while you are ahead and the lawsuits all go away...? Return HSR bond money to taxpayers
- Building HSR on existing transit routes alongside the gridlocked captive vehicle owners would increase ridership

- If you were gridlocked on a freeway, and watched a HSR train pass you every day, wouldn't YOU hop on eventually?
- The alternative route is a train to nowhere –NO population to service. The alternative route proposal is insane.
- The original proposed route offers 100s of thousands, if not millions of potential riders; what are their total populations, why circumvent these population centers that could use the HSR to travel between these communities, and to travel further north or south, thus depriving these communities of a larger public transit and work areas:
  - o Acton
  - o Agua Dulce
  - o Canyon Country
  - o Santa Clarita
  - Newhall
  - Sylmar
  - o San Fernando
  - o Pacoima
  - o Arieta
  - o Sun Valley
  - o To Burbank
- It is illogical (insane) to me to circumvent population living around and near gridlocked freeways that should use HSR to mitigate pollution and gridlock and reduce consumption of gasoline, and reduce commuting times
  - o If you really espouse and agree with the Agenda 21 carbon tax and climate regulation system, your alternative plan is totally contrary to Agenda 21
    - Agenda 21 protects and encourages buying up open space and prohibits any human activity in them outside buffer areas
    - Agenda 21 is being implemented nationwide under the public's radar, without their knowledge, or understanding
- I voted for the HSR thinking I could take it to increase my work area to the communities I list,
   and to travel to NCA to work
  - o Should have known it would become a bait and switch, a huge dishonesty
- If the population centers that could most benefit from HSR have nixed it, why isn't this entire project just dropped and cancelled
  - It would be if
    - HSR had to be profitable to be viable
    - "Other peoples' money" were not the nebulous funding source
    - Nefarious tax schemes based on the greenhouse gas hoax were known to be soon revoked
    - Any such insolvent commercial enterprise would already be scrapped BEFORE spending ALL the other peoples' money, before ALL other sources of funding dried up, to avoid litigation, and BEFORE bankruptcy—all investors would have already pulled out; we are captive here as taxpayers
      - It is foreseeable that this project will put CA into bankruptcy and, or leave huge gaping incomplete construction sites across our state
    - This project could be the final nail or straw that puts this state into bankruptcy
       it is utterly irresponsible
      - Exacerbated and escalated by yet more commercial and residential (tax base) flight
    - What about water storage how about water storage INSTEAD

There are many other very basic, utterly illogical and obvious factors and reasons why your alternative route should be dropped immediately:

- Destruction of much of the Angeles National Park and rare riparian lands further dwindling wildlife support systems
  - o Destruction of one of the (RARE) riparian areas; only other in the world is in southern France, parts of Italy, and parts of the northern Mediterranean Sea coasts.
- Destruction of watersheds and water tables that provide up to 20% of the water to City of Los Angeles
- Destruction of Master Plan Scenic Corridors
- Destruction of flood plains
  - HSR could also be taken out by a 100 year flood; thus potential rider deaths and destruction of HSR; just more wasted \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
- Destruction of Historic Preservation Overlays Zones
- Destruction of bird sanctuary ponds as part of 210 mitigation, adjacent to Hanson Dam
- Destruction of other development mitigation areas
- Destruction of other privately owned yet public recreational spaces
- Destruction of open space
- Destruction of the last remaining equestrian neighborhoods of Los Angeles that offer many recreational opportunities for the entire city
- Destruction of some of the oldest neighborhoods of Los Angeles
- Destruction of a very viable tax base

Other economic illogical factors that are unlikely to be resolved:

- I have taken the HSR between Paris and Brussels at rush hour. It was empty. It cost over \$60 ONE WAY for that 1 hour of travel
- CA and LA have spent decades alienating businesses. Thousands if not tens of thousands of businesses have left both the city and the state.
  - Which companies have offices in both NCA and SCA that might send employees back and forth on this HSR?
  - Wages are back to 1990's levels so that workers cannot afford to just hop on a HSR to ride 100's of miles to a worksite
  - o The CA economy (that is not cash based), is transforming into a minimum wage service economy. Even at \$15/hr HSR travel will be unaffordable
  - The tax base is very rapidly disappearing
- Shotgun highlighting of 500 square miles is irresponsible: Great! force out or scare away even more productive people and businesses
- Metro Link ridership is down by 600,000 riders so far this year, and more after this September rate hikes; and in the red \$38 MILLION
  - O What study shows there will be riders on this HSR?
  - Perpetual subsidy is not a solution
- Amtrak has been in the red for decades why would the HSR be any different?
- Without a real projected ridership, why just create jobs to build a train that will not be used enough to mitigate costs (illogical and insane)
- If the alternative route is implemented, you will be destroying a key tax base (subsidies -and socialism "work great til you run out of other people's money")
  - Many in the path or your alternative route are retirees or soon to be retirees, or young families (of all ethnicities)making their dreams come true to live in or near

- equestrian style mini ranches, or horse rental stables and riding lessons, with hiking, swimming, and bicycling
- There are a number and variety of therapeutic riding programs in this area for delinquent youths, to the handicapped
- o There are many riding clubs here for regular kids, and a polo club
- We are the home of Olympic Dressage riders (Heather Bender bought a \$300 horse here and won Olympic medals) and we also a World Champion
- Any HSR route should share the burden of eminent domain fairly and proportionally across all
  population cross sections representative of our population, and not single out just one
  minority; ie. eminent domain should not spare the majority
- Applauding and welcoming funding by carbon tax credits is sick, and VERY flawed
  - Carbon tax credits "pay to pollute" allow pollution and do not address the very severe and important planetary pollution problem
    - The sole purpose of carbon tax credits is to line the pockets of those who sell and collect the "tax" allowing and encouraging, even more pay to pollute
    - Those companies who do not want to play this unique CA game move out of state (as it is not (yet) federal law) and so, more companies just move away
    - Accepting carbon credit funding only serves to encourage and further pollute;
       our ecosystems are fragile, and becoming more fragile every day
    - Carbon taxes are further escalating all energy costs forcing even more (productive) people and businesses OUT of state
    - Even after gas and water and power costs have more than doubled in the last 5 years, they will again almost double by 40% yet again in the next year or so (thank you carbon credits) and AB 32 for closing coal fired plants (that have at least 60 day power reserves)
  - Global warming, greenhouse gases, etc., all have been debunked; it is just a matter of time that reality catches up
  - It is a matter of time before the law carbon taxes in CA rests on, AB 32, is revoked
    - Any expectation and dependency on this new (short-lived) system of taxation is sick, anti and un-American (it is UN driven) —Americans are waking up; AB32 will be revoked and thus one of your major expected sources of funding will vanish
  - o Carbon taxes (like the new carbon 15 cents CA gas tax coming soon) are further increasing energy costs in CA thus forcing even more people and business out

More property taxes is not the way any project should be funded; economically destructive "carbon" taxes are even more unacceptable.

Please publish your economic studies and analyses upon which you rest the economic and financial feasibility of the HSR project funding, both for building it and for when it is complete.

How about ROI (return on investment) analyses that support that the HSR project is profitable and will payback tax payers, and eventually pay for itself

- How will tax payers be paid back with tax credits for this, and other projects; we are not unlimited cash cows, we do not grow greenbacks in our homes and apartments
- If the HSR does not force me out of my home, and CA, the increasing DWP costs (in reality the escalating DWP TAX (unapproved by voters)) DWP is in effect forcing a hidden, unstated, a voter UNapproved tax –the DWP WILL force me out
  - o I know, and believe that we pay more for our energy than those in any and all South American countries (what's wrong with that picture?)

The vicious circle of more and more taxation and regulation in CA, must be stopped so that CA can once again have a vibrant and desirable economy.

It appears to me at this point, that the HSR project, as it is currently being conceived and possibly implemented, is in the band of a good idea, with good intentions, but with lots of wishful thinking. It will cause huge the destruction in its path. With lack of funding, all the litigation, and lack of sound and realistic planning, all of which makes it undesirable, risky and perhaps totally fiscally irresponsible to our state; CA cannot afford a huge failed boondoggle.

Physical illogical factors that are unlikely to be mitigated or resolved:

- The alternative route is comprised mostly of SAND from ancient riverbeds
  - Although digging tunnels in sand can be done, it is very difficult, and dangerous
  - Long tunnels, although in our case, preferred, are yet more dangerous due to many frequent deep sinkholes we have seen and experienced in this area; sink holes take out homes and streets –and HSR
  - Long tunnels have the issue of ventilation; study the Mont Blanc tunnel accidents that have resulted in many, many asphyxiations
  - Earthquakes, sand, sinkholes and tunnels are not a great mix; these should be researched for safety, impacts and feasibility of tunneling
  - Destroying watershed water storage of Big and Little Tujunga washes is beyond illogical (it's insane): BTW, there's a serious drought
- The neighborhoods slated for destruction offer multiple recreational opportunities; people living in high density need space and recreational opportunities. I believe increased aggression is due to increased crowding, so you plan to destroy an area with great recreational venues
- These neighborhoods are very low crime: so why propose destroying them? Why not study and isolate WHAT are the factors that enhance low crime in these communities, and plan new communities or encourage city planning modifications accordingly?

In closing, I recommend shelving this project for now in order to resolve the issues I raise, and to put it on existing transit corridors.

Thank you very much for your attention and consideration of the issues I have raised and all my thoughts, observations, and my request for attention to the research points I raise.

The City of Los Angeles up until now has made all my dreams come true. I have loved this city and the equestrian lifestyle here. It is truly very unique in the entire world, and very worth saving. I hope HSR will not destroy Lake View Terrace, Sunland-Tujunga, Shadow Hills, Stonehurst/Sun Valley.

Sincerely,

Carol Locus